

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 00-838-Q (600.038))

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Status Inquiry; and
  - b) Return Receipt Postcard.
- 2. With respect to fees:
  - a) No fee is required.
  - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Applicants inquire as to the status of the application. The application was filed on September 5, 2003. The Applicants have still not received an office action regarding this patent application. Applicants would appreciate receiving a telephone or written communication indicating when Applicant can expect to receive a first office action.

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